

Learn About the City of Milpitas Preschool Program

The City of Milpitas Preschool is dedicated to providing a nurturing learning environment in which young children and their families explore and grow. The preschool years are very critical in a child's life. At an accelerated rate, they are beginning to learn who they are, about other people, and the world around them. We believe that "play" is essential for children to learn.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions Regarding ...

Preschool Curriculum

The City of Milpitas Preschool encourages a developmental approach to learning. Through many avenues of explorative play, children learn necessary skills with emphasis on social skills. Our program curriculum offers a wide variety of activities in order to give children the opportunity for self-discovery and the freedom to create by using their own imagination through individual choices. We view the child as a whole, which means we facilitate each child's social, emotional, intellectual, and physical growth. We create activities that allow children to express themselves in all of these areas. Our philosophy is based on the belief that each child is unique and deserves the opportunity for full development.

Registration

Registration for Animal Crackers and KinderKids classes (Fall 2009-Spring 2010 school-year) begins **Wednesday, May 27 for Milpitas residents** and **Wednesday, June 3 for non-residents**.

Waiting List

If the class you register for is full, you will be notified that your child or children have been placed on a waiting list. Persons enrolled on the Waiting List will be informed of openings as soon as they occur, you will receive a notice by mail or phone. The fees will be based on the number of remaining classes. It is not necessary to call the Community Center to inquire about your child's status.

Preschool Refund Policy

In order to receive a refund check in the mail, you must notify the office 10 calendar days prior to the first class. **A \$10 service charge is withheld from each class you are requesting a refund from. The \$100 Registration Fee is non-refundable. If you already received the program's Tshirt, the \$10 T-shirt fee included in the class fee, will not be refunded.** No refunds or transfers will be granted after the 2nd week of class.

The Preschool Coordinator has the discretion to transfer children between classes. Transfers are allowed only through the written approval of the Coordinator between the 1st class through the 2nd week of class. No refunds or transfers will be granted after the 2nd week of class. Persons enrolled on the Waiting List will be informed of openings as soon as they occur and fees will be based on the number of remaining classes.

Late Pick-Up Policy

For the safety of our participants, it is required that they are picked up on time at the end of each class. Should the participant be picked up late, a \$10 late fee starting one minute after the end of class will be charged, with an additional \$10 for every 10 minutes thereafter. Should the participant not be picked up within a half hour of the end of the class, the Milpitas Police Department will be contacted.

Parents Orientation Night:

*Parent Orientation will be held at the Community Center for **Animal Crackers on Wednesday, August 26th, 6:30-7:30 pm. KinderKids on Thursday, August 27th, 6:30-7:30 pm.** Parents are invited to an information night covering the preschool policies and procedures. This is also an opportunity for the enrolled children to see their assigned classrooms and meet the teachers. The orientation lasts about an hour. Registered participants will be sent a reminder postcard prior to this event.*

Potty Training

Children need to be completely independent in the bathroom. No "pull-ups" are allowed. Parents will be called to change their clothes if their children have bathroom accidents. Children with frequent accidents may be dropped from the program.

Snacks

Children need to bring their own healthy snacks each day. Sweets and candy are discouraged.

Separation Anxiety

For many children, preschool is their first experience from being away from their family. To help the teachers build important relationships with the children, we encourage parents to show their support by waiting in the lobby during these transitional times. We also suggest a family photo be sent with their child to class each day.

English as a Second Language Preparation

In order to help children transition successfully into the preschool environment, parents are asked to introduce helpful English vocabulary at home, which will assist the child in communicating better with the Preschool teachers and other children in the class.

Field Trips

Children are required to wear their Class T-shirts, which they received on the first day of class, to all field trips. Most field trips are within walking distance. Please pay special attention to drop off and pick up places as they may vary. For example, on occasion parents will be requested to drop off their children at a nearby park and pick up at the regularly scheduled time. Depending on the destination, there may be a minimal fee required.

Parent Volunteers

Parents are welcome in the classroom. Parents volunteering on a regular basis will be required to complete an MVP (volunteer) application and pass the screening and interview. This process requires a fingerprint background check through the Department of Justice.

Please call the Preschool Director at (408) 586-3204 for additional questions.

